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Mr. Mark Rooney
Village Engineer
Village of Port Barrington
69 South Circle Avenue
Port Barrington, IL 60010-1001

Re: Rawson's Bridge Road – Shoreline Stabilization along Fox River
Project Number(s): 1113672 [0910388]
County: McHenry

Dear Applicant:

This letter is in reference to the above-noted project recently submitted for consultation by Hey and Associates, Inc. The natural resource review provided by EcoCAT identified protected resources that may be in the vicinity of the proposed action. The Department has evaluated this information and concluded that adverse effects are unlikely. Therefore, consultation under 17 Ill. Adm. Code Part 1075 is terminated.

The Department again appreciates the Village's willingness to provide an educational handout concerning the biology and identification of Blanding's Turtles to the contractor(s) to educate construction crews during their pre-construction meeting.

The Department recommends that the following information be provided in the education materials: photos of both adult and juvenile turtles, the endangered status of this species, who to contact in case any are encountered (IDNR Heritage Biologist – Brad Semel, 815/675-2386 ext. 317 and MCCD - Brad Woodson, 815/653-2297 ext. 11), that it is a criminal act to handle a turtle, and what to do if one is encountered (immediately cease work and contact IDNR/MCCD, watch turtle until proper authority arrives - keeping at a respectable distance, and if turtle moves, mark spot they first saw it at and last spot it was seen). If a Blanding's Turtle is encountered, Incidental Take Authorization from the Department's Office of Resource Conservation will most likely be needed, which will result in a Conservation Management Plan for the species. I would be more than happy to preview a draft if the Village prefers I review it before it is finalized.

This consultation is valid for two years unless new information becomes available that was not previously considered; the proposed action is modified; or additional species, essential habitat, or Natural Areas are identified in the vicinity. If the project has not been implemented within two years of the date of this letter, or any of the above listed conditions develop, a new consultation is necessary.

The natural resource review reflects the information existing in the Illinois Natural Heritage Database at the time of the project submittal, and should not be regarded as a final statement on the site being considered, nor should it be a substitute for detailed site surveys or field surveys required for environmental assessments. If additional protected resources are encountered during the project's implementation, you must comply with the applicable statutes and regulations. Also, note that termination does not imply IDNR's authorization or endorsement of the proposed action.

Please contact me if you have questions regarding this review.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathi Davis".

Kathi Davis
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Enclosure

cc: Vince Mosca, Hey and Associates